

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)

2013 Summer Conference

August 6-8, 2013

Hilton Garden Inn

Missoula, Montana



OPI School Nutrition Programs



21st Century Community Learning Centers State Goals (ESEA Title IV B)

The state of Montana's 21st CCLC program has three goals, listed below. Each site pursues the same goals, and annually creates measureable objectives to meet them. When working as a 21st CCLC program, sharing these goals with all staff is imperative for consistency and understanding of the purpose of 21st CCLC programs.

Performance Goal 1: Improve student-learning performance, for students of all ages, in one or more core academic areas through consistent involvement in 21st CCLC programs.

Performance Goal 2: Offer a broad array of high-quality activities including youth development, drug and violence prevention, career development, art, music, recreation, technology education, and character education, which reinforce and complement the school day and positively affect school attendance, academic performance, and decrease disciplinary actions or adverse behaviors.

Performance Goal 3: Provide programming to engage families of enrolled 21st CCLC participants with the intent of enhancing the home/school relationship, provide opportunities for parental involvement in school, and promote resiliency through family involvement.

Mary Ellen Earnhardt

21st Century Community Learning Centers Education Program Representative Office of Public Instruction August 2013

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration

Rotunda South

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. New Directors' Meeting

Salon A

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 New Directors' Luncheon

p.m. Salon B

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Opening Plenary Session

Keynote Speaker Steven A. Culbertson (YSA)

Salon D

2:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Roundtable Presentations & Discussion Topics

Salon D

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Program Display Board Setup

Salon D

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program Circuit Exploration

Salon D

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Family Programming Event: Barn Dance

Band: Skippin' A Groove & Caller: Mark Matthews

Salon D

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Schedule of Events

7:30 ~ 11:30	Registration			
8:00 - 11:30	Morning Session-New Directors			
New Directors' Meeting Mary Ellen Earnhardt and Amanda Domino				
11:30 - 12:45	New Directors' Luncheon			
	New Directors Only Please			
1:00 ~ 4:30	Opening Plenary Session All Conference Participants			

Welcome and Introductions

Office of Public Instruction-Health Enhancement Division

Five and Holding

Brach Thomson

This student choral group from Bigfork, Montana will sing and dance for the audience.

Keynote Speaker

Four Reasons Why We Need Youth: ASAP

Steven A. Culbertson

Young people have amazing stores of energy, commitment, idealism, and creativity. Yet, too many youth development and education programs treat students as recipients, not actors; or as victims and problems, as opposed to seeing their value as assets and resources. In this session, Steve will share his lessons learned, discuss current trends, and present his vision for the future. He'll also share his four major reasons why youth service is so critical in the 21st Century – arguments that he uses with educators, parents, corporate leaders, government officials, nonprofit executives, and youth worldwide.

Roundtable Presentations & Discussion Topics

Mark Branger

Participants will have their choice on which Round Tables to participate in. Round Tables will rotate every 20 minutes at the sound of a bell.

AGENDA FOR TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6, 2013

4:30-5:00 21 st CCLC Program Display Board Setup
Required for all 21st CCLC grantees......Salon D

5:00-8:30 Evening Plenary
Required for all 21st CCLC grantees.......Salon D

Introductions

Mary Ellen Earnhardt

Program Circuit Exploration

21st CCLC Programs and Advocates

This session will provide the opportunity to meet other grantees, OPI staff, and advocates of afterschool programs from around Montana and the United States. Learn about what other programs are providing for the youth in their communities. Explore other programs' ideas for engaging youth, and come away with new resources and ideas for your own program.

Family Programming: Barn Dance

Skippin' A Groove with Caller Mark Matthews

Skippin' A Groove is a traditional band with Laura Lundquist playing whistles and flutes, Alan Boren, guitar and Roy Curet, fiddle. The trio is based in Missoula and has played an eclectic mix of Celtic, Old Time and modern tunes for local contra dances and festivals throughout the Northwest.

The 21 CCLC Summer Conference invites you to our family programming event:

BARN DANCE

With Skippin' A Groove

(with Roy Curet on fiddle, Alan Boren on guitar, and Laura Lundquist on whistles and flutes)

AND

Caller Mark Matthews

6:30-8:30 or so...

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker Kellee McQuinn

Salon D

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Breakout Session I

10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. Break

Rotunda North

10:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Breakout Session II

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

21st CCLC Partners Presentation

Salon D

1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. One-on-One Q&A with Charlotte McMilin

Rotunda South

1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Breakout Session III

3:15 p.m. - 3:35 p.m. Break

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Rotunda North

3:35 p.m. - 5:05 p.m. Breakout Session IV



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8:00-8:45
Kellee McQuinn
9:00-10:30Breakout Session 1
Wendy Weisbart
Show Me the Money: Fundamentals of Grant Accounting &
Kate Vatter

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9:00-10:30Breakout Session 1 - continued						
Dance Teaches More than Movement						
Mark Matthews						
YSA's Mission Planning Guide: Service is Power						
Steven A. Culbertson						
10:30 - 10:50Break						
10:50 - 12:20						
10:70 - 12:20						
Montana Pollinator Education Project for Pre-K to Grade 8						
Lorri Brenneman						
Face to Face from Afar						
Kay Fladstol						
Dig In! Gardens as Learning Laboratories and Nutrition Education						
Opportunities						
Aubree Roth						

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10:50 - 12:20 Breakout Session | - continued KidTribe Fitness Par - Tay Kellee McQuinn......Salons E Get up. stand up and put your hands up because this fitness par-tay is sure to raise the roof! Tackle the childhood obesity epidemic and learn KidTribe's turn-key techniques for creating a positively contagious environment where being healthy is cool. Activate heart rates and empower your staff and students with high-octane games, esteem-building exercises, peace-promoting contests and hip-hoppin' hoops. Pump up your playlists with fresh (and clean) songs that will motivate and invigorate the kids. Get nutty about nutrition education with organic raps. Be prepared to move and groove 'cuz there won't be a dry armpit in the house! Designed for immediate implementation, filled with humor and inspiration this workshop will leave you glowing and ready to get going with a whole new set of tools. Become the role model you want to be! Led by KidTribe Founder, Kellee McQuinn, who the LA Times calls "the pied-piper with a boom box." www.kidtribe.com You-4 Youth and Aligning with the School Day Karen Tylek and Monique McDowell RussellSalon F Explore how to use the You for Youth (Y4Y) Web portal to learn about benefits and strategies for aligning learning across in-school and out-of-school experiences. Topics covered will include sharing responsibility for student learning, integrating academics into afterschool programming, and partnering effectively with school day staff. Building Safe & Prepared Katie Gallagher, Marschal Rothe, & Randy Middlebrook Salon G Preparedness is not just for adults! Disasters and emergencies can happen at any time, but fortunately there are many steps that youth and adults can take to prepare for an emergency or disaster. Learn from the Governor's Office of Community Services' Ready Montana initiative about creative ways that you can incorporate preparedness into classroom activities, and hear from disaster and emergency experts about available resources and trainings to help prepare your workplace for all hazards from wildfires to active shooter scenarios. 1:45 – 3:15......Breakout Session III Make AmeriCorps Work for You! Stories and Strategies for Successful AmeriCorps Programs and Partnerships Julia Gustafson and Jim Auer......Salon A Have you heard about AmeriCorps but are unsure about what it is and how it can benefit your nonprofit? Learn about this National Service program that engages primarily young adults in a year of service to schools, nonprofits, and other community organizations. This session will cover the basics of AmeriCorps; how AmeriCorps serves community needs and strategies for utilization, best practices for partnership development/host site selections a timeline to apply for AmeriCorps funding, and success stories from across Montana. From those just curious, to those ready to administer their own program, participants will leave this session knowing how to make AmeriCorps work for their organization. Learning Objectives: 1) participants will understand AmeriCorps and National Service terminology, 2) participants will have a better understanding of AmeriCorps possibilities and limitations, and 3) participants will understand the steps to applying for AmeriCorps funding or how to partner with others applying for AmeriCorps funding.

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1:45 – 3:15Breakout Session III-continued					
After-School Science - Helping School Age Children to Think Like					
Scientists					
Chris DeWald					
The Afterschool Snack Program and the Summer Food Service					
Program in Montana					
Emily Dunklee					
Pump Up Your STEM with "Space School Musical"					
Kellee McQuinn					
You-4-Youth and Family Involvement					
Karen Tylek and Monique McDowell Russell					
YSA's Mission Planning Guide: Service is Power					
Salon G Based on the bestselling books, "The Heart and the Fist" and "The Warrior's Heart" by Navy Seal and humanitarian, Eric Greitens, YSA created the "Mission Planning Guide" to help young people find their voice, take action, and have impact on the challenges facing their communities. By using the Search Institute's research on the power of identifying and supporting young people's "Sparks," YSA gives children and youth, and their adult champions, new tools to help them change the world for the better.					

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3:1 <i>5</i> ~ 3:3 <i>5</i>	Break
Sponsored by OPI's School Nutrition Programs	Rotunda North & South
Have a snack prepared by the OPI School Nutrition Programs' sta nutritious snacks that you can prepare for your afterschool student	
3:3 <i>5 - 5:</i> 0 <i>5</i>	Breakout Session IV
Beyond the Bell: Implementing Literac Candice Moench	cy in After - School Programs Salon A
Specifically designed for Before School / After - School Programs, BOUNDARIES provides hands-on, brain-based products and profesupplemental curriculum that is aligned to a general mix of both in Studies, English, and the Fine Arts.	essional development sessions, which utilize
A World in Motion (AWIM) Hand in Hand	d with Montana Ambassadors
Patricia Schneider and Jeff Laverdiere Montana has partnered with Montana Ambassadors to provide 21st Automotive Engineers (SAE) World in Motion Challenges. Particip balloon power vehicle), and the opportunity to dialog with 21st CCL challenge in their programs. To see more about AWIM, please challenge in their programs.	st CCLC grantees with STEM programs using Society of cants will have the opportunity to build a JET Toy (a LC colleagues who have implemented an AWIM
Incorporating Literacy into After - Sc	hool Programs
Katy Branston Literacy has a place in after school programming, not just during the will learn about and experience creative ways to incorporate reading science and sports to art and cooking!	Salon C he school day. In this hands-on interactive workshop you
Cast a Fly, Catch a Student	
Katie M Cole	outdoor education curriculum for middle schools and high training, curriculum and equipment. It is perfect for
You-4-Youth and Strengthening Part	nerships
Karen Tylek and Monique McDowell Russell	e the Y4Y resources to identify your needs, select
10 Free Montana STEM Resources	s Your Center Will Want
Jamie Cornish	ce – there is an amazing amount of research happening in see STEM resources from Montana State University (MSU) center engage with STEM role models, emerging e is relevant to local communities in Montana and how

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakout Session V

9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Break

Rotunda North

9:50 a.m. - 11:20 p.m. Breakout Session VI

11:20 p.m. - 12:20 p.m. Closing Plenary Session

Keynote Speaker: Ellen Baumler

Salon D

12:20 p.m. Conference Adjourns

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8:00 – 9:30Breakout Session V				
Duct Tape & STEM! Carol Stratemeyer				
Katelyn Andersen, Allison Flynn, & Terry Moran				
21st CCLC Reporting in the Out-of-School Time Leadership				
Management System (OSTLMS)				
Amanda Domino				
You-4-Youth and Project Based Learning				
Karen Tylek and Monique McDowell Russell				
STEM - Spotlight on Engineering Chris DeWald				
Water Science: Understanding, Skills, and Easy Activities				
Nikki Sandve and Stephanie McGinnis				

watershed project in your area. Many of the activities can be used away from a river or other water source.

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Real-				
9:30 – 9:50 Break				
9:50 – 11:20Breakout Session VI				
Meeting the Educational Needs of Homeless Students Sindie S. Kennedy				
Art Answer - Today's Perspective Fred Verzani				
history, production, and assessment. Art Answer provides quantitative assessment tools for individual students' work. Presenter's visuals will include INSTA-LEARN MANIPULATIVES for perception of visual pattern sequencing, and category challenge of shapes.				
Our Journey Towards Quality with PQA				
Maggie Anderson and Donna deVries-White				
Afterschool Network in Montana - Update				
Wendy Weisbart in partnership with the Greater Gallatin United Way				
Natural History Trunk Resources				
Lisa Bickell				

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History and the supernatural are the canvas for this program that intertwines the past with the present. Baumler weaves a ghostly web in a thought-provoking journey to Montana's most spirited places. Her well-researched stories have frightened and delighted audiences across the state. Historic hotels, houses, cemeteries, mines and landscapes provide the perfect background for a fresh perspective. With a ghostly twist on history, the program illustrates how this use of a sometimes worn-out discipline can capture the imagination and bring Montana's past to life.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS YEAR'S 21ST CCLC CONFERENCE:

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Thank you for attending the 2013 21st CCLC conference!







"Hand-in-Hand, Shaping Montana's Future" Biographies Keynote Speakers:

Steven A. Culbertson is President and CEO of YSA (Youth Service America). For two years in a row, the Nonprofit Times named him on its list of "The 50 most powerful and influential leaders" in the sector, saying, "Culbertson has helped to position volunteering and young people as an issue and a national priority." Under his leadership, YSA has expanded its work into 135 countries on six continents. Steve Culbertson has been an active volunteer since childhood. He is a Trustee for America's Promise Alliance, a member of the Advisory Committee for the Ad Council, and serves on the boards of Camp Fire and YSA. He was born in Bitburg, Germany and grew up in Amherst, Massachusetts. He has a degree in both English and French from Hamilton College and lives in Washington D.C. Follow him on Twitter: @Culbs

Mark Matthews is a historian and author. His decade-long research into social dancing has culminated in a three volume set called "Swinging through History". For the past two years, he has visited classrooms and communities for HumanitiesMontana talking about current trends in social dance and teaching kids to do the big apple and square dance. Some of his presentations include: Promenading toward Democracy-the history of the square dance; Cakewalking out of Slavery, the roots of African-American dance; and Jitterbugging across the Colorline-how dance helped integrate American society. Mark also teaches and calls contra and square dances for the Missoula Folklore Society.

Kellee McQuinn, kid expert and fitness guru, Kellee is nicknamed "the Pied Piper with a Boom Box" by the LA Times and founded KidTribe, an international children's obesity prevention fitness and nutrition education program with over 3.5 million participating kids and thousands of trained teachers throughout the USA & the UK. She's headlined her HOOPAPLOOZA Fitness Concert at The White House at the Easter Egg Roll in partnership with the First Lady's "Let's Move" campaign for the last four years. Kellee has partnered with Dr. David Katz and Yale School of Medicine to write, direct, and produce music videos to motivate kids to make healthy choices. She has also teamed up with NASA, where she wrote, directed and produced an educational "hip-hopera" called Space School Musical, which is taking the education world by storm. Most recently she launched the HOOPERSIZE FIT-KIT, the first kids' retail fitness program to market. Having been featured on PBS, Discovery Kids, ABC News, KTLA, BBC and Exercise TV, she has single-handedly evoked a new paradigm of physical education and cross-curricular learning with her trend-setting programs, award winning edu-tainment DVD's, highoctane live events, inspiring teacher trainings and contagious cutting-edge approach. www.kidtribe.com

Ellen Baumler earned her PhD from the University of Kansas in English, classics, and history. She has been the Montana Historical Society's interpretive historian and sign program coordinator since 1992. She has researched and written interpretive texts for more than 1,500 National Register signs, created community walking tours, taught Montana history at the University of Montana-Helena campus, and authored dozens of articles and eight books on diverse topics. Her historical tales of the supernatural have been collected in three of her books. One of these, Beyond Spirit Tailings, has been honored with the prestigious Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History.

Breakout Session Presenters:

Allison Flynn, Katelyn Anderson, Terry Moran, and Brenda Richey serve as Extension educators for Montana State University Extension. They all enjoy developing successful 4-H partnerships which create a positive impact on youth in the communities they serve.

Amanda Domino is the Office of Public Instruction's 21st CCLC Data Control Specialist. She trains, monitors, and assists sub-grantees in the Out-of-School Time Leadership Management System's (OSTLMS) reporting database through the use of webinars, group trainings and one-on-one assistance. Amanda has a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Montana with an emphasis in Outdoor Recreation Management. When not working, she volunteers as a Broadwater County Outdoor Adventures 4-H Leader, teaching kids about the value and health benefits of hiking, camping, and backpacking throughout Montana. Amanda is also on the board of directors for Broadwater County's Heritage Gardens, a community garden created by past 21st CCLC director, Tonya Wyse.

Breakout Session Presenters-continued

Aubree Roth has worked with the Montana Team Nutrition Program since 2010 supporting Montana Farm to School projects. She also works for a local nonprofit Gallatin Valley Farm to School and serves as the Montana State Lead for the national Farm to School Network. She is a graduate of the Sustainable Food Systems Master's program at Montana State University. She provides training and guidance for a variety of Farm to School projects including school gardens.

Candice Moench is an assistant professor at the University of Great Falls, Montana. She graduated with her Master and Doctorate in Reading, Language, and Literature from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She has been a teacher educator for the past 14 years for urban, suburban and rural universities. Her research interests include K-12 reading, language, and literature, teacher education and professional development.

Carol Stratemeyer, Project Director for Noxon's Project Success, entered education after a "practice" retirement from a career as a Chief Juvenile Probation Officer. After creating many programs for at-risk youth, the switch was a chance to bring what she learned about engaging hard-to-reach youth in teaching life beyond the classroom. A graduate of the University of Montana with degrees in Journalism and Sociology, Carol has accreditations from the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada; the Behavioral Science Institute in Seattle, Washington; Train-the-Trainer and numerous drug/alcohol prevention certificates. A kid-at-heart, Carol is most comfortable learning new ways to teach the love of creating.

Chris DeWald Chris DeWald is currently the Science Instructional Coordinator at the Office of Public Instruction. In a former life, she was a high school science teacher with experience teaching a variety of science subject matter in several different instructional environments. Her passion is making science curriculum and instruction match what classroom and brain research tell us about how students learn best.

Donna deVries-White has a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, K-12 Administration, and Program Evaluation. She has worked as a teacher, manager and administrator. Donna now is a national consultant on student outcomes, program evaluation, curriculum, and instruction.

Emily Dunklee is a Child Nutrition Program Specialist at the Office of Public Instruction. She conducts school nutrition reviews and provides technical assistance and training to schools across Montana to help ensure all children have access to tasty, healthy, and affordable school meals.

Fred Verzani is a ten year educational program sales representative, and owns Educational K12 Services Company representing independent companies. Fred lives in Helena, Montana and has an active interest as a friend of youth, helping youth accomplish their educational and sport program goals. He is married with three grown children and five grandchildren.

Dr. Jamie Cornish is the science outreach and education specialist at Montana State University's Extended University. She has many years' experience as a project manager on grants from NASA, National Science Foundation (NSF), Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), Department of Transportation (DOT), and National Institutes of Health (NIH); and has a background in informal education having served as the director of education at the Museum of the Rockies. Previously, Dr. Cornish worked at Sesame Workshop conducting audience research on television programs, at the Walt Disney Company managing public relations for Discover Magazine, and at Nickelodeon as a consultant. Dr. Cornish has a B.A. from Princeton University, and an M.Phil. and Ph.D. in education from Cambridge University.

Jim Auer is the AmeriCorps Grants Coordinator for the Governor's Office of Community Service. He works to keep AmeriCorps state programs running at high efficacy and believes that every Montanan should have the opportunity to give back to their community through National Service. The best part of his job is seeing the impact young people are able to make when given the opportunity to serve. Jim is a Montana native having returned to the state to serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) after spending two years in Alaska.

Breakout Session Presenters-continued

Julia Gustafson is the Communications Manager for the Governor's Office of Community Service, also known as ServeMontana. She works to keep the news and outreach from ServeMontana accessible by using current technologies and social media. The best part of her job is sharing the amazing stories of volunteers making a difference in Montana. In her free time, Julia is an enthusiastic cook, zealous gardener, and active volunteer with the Helena Community Gardens. She is proud to call Montana home because our commitment to supporting local food and dedication to preserving our natural heritage

Karen Tylek is the Project Specialist for the You for Youth (Y4Y) Web portal, with Tactile Design Group. She is a former classroom teacher and Program Officer for after-school and youth development programs. Karen served as the Project Based Learning Coordinator for Philadelphia's city-funded Out-of-School Time (OST) programs, providing professional development and technical assistance to OST staff. Karen is an experienced presenter and trainer and is the author of several articles on Project Based Learning. She earned a Master's of Education from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Loyola College Maryland.

Kate Vatter oversees the Office of Public Instruction's electronic grant management system (E-Grants) and supervises the electronic implementation process for all state and federal grant programs. She serves as the system's technology and management liaison between the state, districts, and external contractors. Kate also conducts comprehensive training programs for both state and district-level administrators throughout Montana. She has five years of experience in federal grant management and social service-based fund development.

Katie M. Cole is the Program Manager for the national Fishing in Schools Program (NFSP). She is a graduate of Prescott College of Arizona, where she earned a degree in Environmental Studies/Environmental Education. Her passion for sharing the outdoors with others has led her to her current position with NFSP. Katie has conducted over 40 NFSP Teacher Trainings across the country and has taught over 250 educators how to teach the NFSP curriculum in our nation's schools and institutions.

Katie Gallagher is the Ready Montana Coordinator at the Governor's Office of Community Service. In this role, she works with diverse stakeholders across the state to implement the Ready Montana Initiative, a federally funded preparedness initiative that seeks to increase the preparedness of all Montanans for disasters and emergencies.

Katy Branston will be starting her third year as the Flagship after-school coordinator at Hawthorne Elementary in Missoula this school year. She has spent the past nine years working with a number of different youth programs - summer camps, mentoring programs, group homes, etc. - and thoroughly enjoys working with kids in an after school setting. Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, Katy fell in love with Montana's landscape and people when she first visited the state four years ago and has lived here ever since.

Kay Fladstol, content coordinator for Vision Net, received her BA from the College of Great Falls, Montana, M.Ed. from Lesley University and taught elementary education for 25 years, spending the last ten years in technology. Since retiring, she has worked with schools in Montana helping them collaborate with anyone who uses video conferencing equipment.

Lisa Bickell is the Education Director for the Montana Natural History Center. She has worked in nature-based and outdoor education for over 12 years.

Lorri Brenneman works as the Agriculture Literacy Specialist for the Montana Department of Agriculture. She earned an Associate of Science Degree at Flathead Valley Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in fine arts and plant sciences from Montana State University (MSU), Bozeman, and a Master's degree from Montana State University (MSU), Bozeman, in Education and Curriculum Instruction and Development. Lorri has been involved in agriculture education in Montana for ten years, and focuses her work on accurate agriculture education through hands on methods. Prior to her current position, Lorri taught school near Bozeman, Montana.

Maggie Anderson, has a BS in Secondary Ed Biology, has worked as a teacher, facilitator and community organizer. She is currently the Program Director for Troy's 21st CCLC New Horizon's Learning Center, and Project Coordinator for the Drug Free Communities Support Grant.

"Hand-in-Hand, Shaping Montana's Future" Breakout Session Presenters-continued

Mark Branger has been director of Kid Connection at Huntley Project Schools for eight years and has been a business educator and a curriculum and technology specialist for over 25 years. He taught at Melstone and is currently at Huntley Project. He received his Master in Education in Instructional Technology. Mark is currently the Technology and Assessment Director at Huntley Project Schools. He has a great love for children and has great experience as a technology integration specialist.

Marschal Rothe is the Training Coordinator at the State of Montana Disaster and Emergency Services. Marschal works with county and tribal jurisdictions in Montana to bring relevant preparedness, response, and recovery trainings to Montana communities.

Monique McDowell Russell is the Training Specialist with Foundations Inc., for the You for Youth (Y4Y), the U.S. Department of Education's online professional development Web portal for teachers and practitioners working within the 21st CCLC programs. In addition, she is an Educational Consultant and served as an Adjunct Professor and the Chairperson for the Montefiore Medical Center Community Advisory Board as well as several National Advisory Committees. She has extensive experience in managing, directing and providing oversight for elementary and secondary education programs, as well as adult education programs. Her experiences include working with federal, state and local officials to address student outcomes and to design educational programs that directly impact what happens before, during and after school. She has led major functional areas, including innovative strategic planning, conceptualizations, designs, program development and grant implementation. Monique earned a Certificate from the Emerging Leader Development Program at the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University, a Master of Science Degree from Audrey Cohen College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of New Rochelle.

Nikki Sandve is the Director of Montana Watercourse (MTWC). She has twenty-five years of experience in education - focusing mostly on the non-traditional learning settings. Prior to MTWC, she worked at Montana's Office of Public Instruction coordinating a federal personnel development grant.

Pat A. Schneider is Montana's Liaison to SAE (Society of Automobile Engineers) International's A World in Motion (AWIM) partnership with 21st CCLC and Montana's Ambassadors. Pat is also the founder of MiPAS Educational Consulting Firm. Her firm coupled with SAE's award winning Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs are directly involved in the Rocky Mountain AWIM Initiative (RMAI) started by Arne Siegel, Montana Ambassador. Pat is a consummate educator with over 37 years in K-12 education and currently a college professor. She works with Montana school districts to develop a K-12 STEM education outreach initiative with important and lasting results, by bringing together AWIM student programs, community volunteers, and teachers.

Randy Middlebrook is the Critical Infrastructure Program Manager for the Department of Homeland Security. Randy works with public and private agencies and organizations throughout the northwest to develop plans for critical infrastructure, including schools, to ensure safety and resiliency.

Sindie S. Kennedy is the McKinney-Vento District Liaison and Title I Project Coordinator for Missoula County Public Schools. For the past year, Ms. Kennedy has worked to strengthen the Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) McKinney-Vento program and to build alliances with community agencies. She developed a new position in the district, Families in Transition (FIT) Coordinator. Each building in the district has a FIT Coordinator that works specifically with homeless students. She has created training materials for all district staff members and continues to work towards raising awareness throughout the district and community. She has served as a grant writer and project manager for education programming for more than ten years. Ms. Kennedy has an MA in Women's Studies from the University of Arizona.

Stephanie Lefevre has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science from the University of Montana and a Masters of Art in Teaching from Prescott College. She founded the Nevada Outdoor School in 2001 where she served as the Executive Director for eight years and managed the AmeriCorps program for rural Nevada. Stephanie moved to Northern California in 2009 where she worked for the Humboldt State University Talent Search TRiO program. She currently holds the position of Volunteer Management Director with the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming.

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Stephanie McGinnis is the Coordinator of Education and Outreach at Montana Watercourse, a statewide water education program. Throughout her career, Stephanie has been heavily involved in environmental education and outreach, working for public schools, state and federal agencies, and currently as an adjunct faculty member at Montana State University. She has also conducted research in Montana and Wyoming focusing on the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems.

Wendy Weisbart has been involved in education and out-of-school time programming since 1998. After many years with one of the largest school districts in the country, she began a new journey as an education consultant. She now prides herself on promoting engaging programs that make a difference in students' lives involving all aspects of the learning spectrum.

Vendor List

Ecology Project International (EPI): Field ecology courses for high school students in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem: EPI's Yellowstone Wildlife Ecology Program. Contact: Erin Clark, erindc@ecologyproject.org, 406-721-8784. 315 S 4th Street East, Missoula, MT 59801.

Educational Services: Educational programs; Art Answer curriculum, and INSTA LEARN Basic Skills Math and Reading manipulatives. Contact: Fred Verzani, fred@educationalservices.us, 406-431-0593. PO Box 1255 Helena, MT 59624-1255.

Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming: Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Contact: Stephanie Lefevre, stephaniel@gsmw.org, 1-800-736-5243, 2303 Grand Avenue, Billings, MT 59102.

Governor's Office of Community Service: ServeMontana: AmeriCorps & volunteerism resources as well as ReadyMontana: emergency preparedness resources and information. Contact: Katie Gallagher, kgallagher@mt.gov, 406-444-1718, 622 N Raleigh Avenue, Helena, MT 59620.

HumanitiesMontana: Available presentations for the "Speakers in the Schools" and "Speakers Bureau" programs through HumanitiesMontana. Contact: Mark Matthews, peacejumper@yahoo.com, 320 Shy Bear Ln., Arlee, MT 59821.

Kidtribe: KidTribe – it's a movement. Come learn more about the nation's leading kids' fitness program, products & services. www.kidtribe.com . Contact: Kellee McQuinn, behealthy@kidtribe.com , 1-310-455-0580, 3435 Ocean Park Blvd., #107-438, Santa Monica, CA. 90405.

LTS Education: LTS Education simplifies the process of differentiating instruction and engaging students. Our unique program combines Adaptive Tablet Compatible Technology with Common Core aligned curriculum and interactive video games to deliver on-line, effective, targeted and engaging instruction. Contact: Wendy Weisbart, www.wweisbart@ltskc.com, 702-480-4319, 1063 Narrows Way, Ste C, Birmingham, AL 35242.

Masterpiece Fundraising Northwest: Fundraising products. Contact: Jack Bush, mrpepperoni@hotmail.com, 503-730-8787, 4774 SW Tucker Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97005.

MiPAS Educational Consulting: SAE International A World In Motion (AWIM) Challenges. Contact: Pat Schneider, pschneider0180@gmail.com, 17116 Dunblaine Avenue, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Missoula Children's Theatre: Overview of our touring company and our local youth programming in Missoula. Contact: Donald Mogstad, dimogstad@mctinc.org, 406-241-1114, 200 North Adams, Missoula, MT 59802.

Montana Department of Agriculture – Agriculture in the Classroom: Contact: Lorri Brenneman, lbrenneman@mt.gov, 406-437-1906, PO Box 1056, Manhattan, MT 59741.

Montana Natural History Center (MNHC): Lisa will share information about MNHC resources and programs. Contact: Lisa Bickell, libickell@montananaturalist.org, 406-327-0405, 120 Hickory Street, Missoula, MT 59801.

Montana Outdoor Science School (MOSS): Brochures, pamphlets and handouts describing educational services offered by MOSS. Contact: Steve Eshbaugh, seshbaugh@outdoorscience.org, 406-582-0526, PO Box 502, Bozeman, MT 59771.

Montana State University – Extended University: Free Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) educational resources from Montana State University. Contact: Jamie Cornish, jcornish@montana.edu, 406-994-6005, EPS Building, Room 128, Bozeman, MT 59717.

Montana State University – Extension/Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development: Showcase of various 4-H curriculum. Contact: Allison Flynn, aflynn@montana.edu, 406-994-3099, PO Box 173580, Bozeman, MT 59717.

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National Fishing in Schools Program: Contact: Katie M. Cole and Mark Faroni, katiemcole@flyfishinginschools.org, 1-970-708-9373, 3601 Calvert Street, STE 26, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Office of Public Instruction (OPI) – Content Standards and Instruction Division: Instructional materials from OPI. Contact: Chris DeWald, cdewald@mt.gov, 406-444-3557, PO Box 202501, Helena, MT 59620.



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